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FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that :

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name ;

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

Method and device for sending and receiving digital images using an image watermark for decoding

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto

☒ was filed on **December 31, 2001** as United States Application No. **10/029673**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56.

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